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1. AT JUST ABOUT ANY OTHER TIME, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO'S PLANNED VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME, VERY MUCH APPRECIATED AND LIKELY TO BE EXTREMELY USEFUL.

2. THE GOJ-IMF NEGOTIATIONS ARE PEAKING. THE CABINET IS NOW BELIBERATING THE RESULTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS AND A DECISION IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED MAY 1. THE ARRIVAL OF A SENIOR USG OFFICIAL JUST PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS INOPPORTUNE BECAUSE OF THE INTERPRETION THAT COULD AND PROBABLY WOULD BE PUT ON THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT BY PEOPLE UNFRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND THE IMF.

3. FURTHER, BECAUSE OF THE GOJ-IMF NEGOTIATIONS, THOSE TOP GOJ OFFICIALS WHO WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT ARELLANO TO SEE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE, EVEN IF THE VISIT WERE TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK. IN ADDITION TO THEIR IMF PRE-OCCUPATIONS, FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY IS GENERALLY AN INFEASIBLE PERIOD TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH KEY
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OFFICIALS, MANY OF WHOM ARE "WORKING THEIR CONSTITUENCIES" AT THIS TIME ON ORDERS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER. MONDAY IS CABINET MEETING DAY AND THE MEETINGS FREQUENTLY GO ON INTO THE NIGHT.

4. WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARELLANO WILL VISIT AND STAY SEVERAL DAYS. WE WILL

PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE TIMES WHEN A VISIT WOULD BE MORE
OPPORTUNE AND PRODUCTIVE.
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